



GRANT RECIPIENT
TOWN OF MUNSTER

YEAR
2005

COUNTY
LAKE

CATEGORY
LOW COST CONSTRUCTION

GRANT AWARD
\$37,950

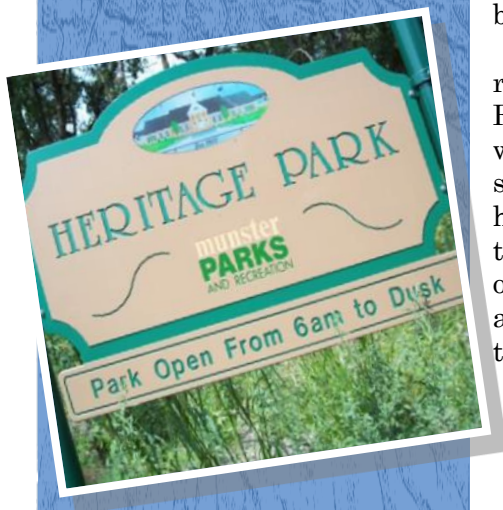
LOCAL SHARE
\$37,950



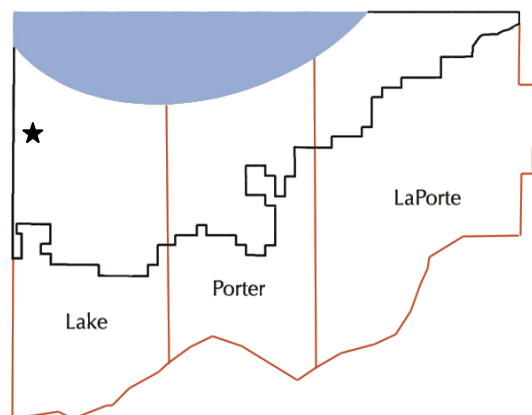
Heritage Park Oak Woodland Restoration

Heritage Park as a whole is utilized for recreation activities and Munster Historical Society events which demonstrate various historical stages of Munster's development. Yet, the wooded portion of the land remained untouched and inaccessible. Utilizing a Coastal Grant, Munster undertook a restoration effort that included invasive species removal and herbicide treatment in addition to the reintroduction of woody and herbaceous native plant species appropriate to a black oak savanna. The Heritage Park restoration extends the historical significance of the park by restoring a once dominant landscape in the region.

Heritage Park is an 11-acre wooded property located on a dune ridge in Munster, Indiana. It was acquired by Munster Parks & Recreation in 1986, and in 2004 a tree-health and vegetation inventory was completed. The property was determined to be an oak woodland suffering from fire suppression and invasive plant species such as tree-of-heaven, white mulberry, honeysuckle, and garlic mustard. Additionally, the canopy was closed and oak regeneration was virtually absent. Despite of this, the property was an excellent candidate for restoration due to the absence of many of the seeds common to disturbed dune areas in addition to public support for its restoration.



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RESULT: Restored 11 acres of oak woodland for recreation as well as provided environmental and historical education.